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Crooked Brothers rock Haliburton

The Crooked Brothers band member Matt Foster performs on Saturday, April 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society, the concert featured an energetic and foot-stomping style of music from the trio of Foster, Darwin Baker and Jesse Mantas, who played a variety of instruments (harmonica, banjo, guitar, mandolin and dobro). This was the Brothers' first Haliburton performance. More on page 10./DARREN LUM Staff

County to appeal to ombudsman on OPP billing

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will lodge a complaint with the Ontario ombudsman regarding the OPP billing formula, asking the ombudsman's office to review the billing framework that came into effect last year.

"I'm suggesting that we reach out to

the ombudsman," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey during a special county council meeting April 13. "That's their responsibility, to capture complaints about Ontario government services and police is an Ontario government service. I think there's a case to be made."

Municipalities first found out about a new OPP billing system in late 2013, one that would redistribute total OPP costs on a per household basis throughout the

province. Because seasonal residences qualify as households, cottage communities such as the county's four lower-tier townships are watching their OPP bills skyrocket during a five-year phase-in period that began in 2015.

The county's collective policing bill will double from about \$3 million to more than \$6 million during the phase-in.

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**First
responders
welcome
PTSD laws**

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Twenty-three years ago, Mike Landry's OPP partner was killed in the line of duty. That incident changed his life forever.

An OPP officer for 30 years, Landry retired from his policing career four years ago but is still involved in trauma-related work as a result of his experience.

"I was involved in some fairly stressful things, like most police officers are," said Landry. "Back then they had what was called a trauma support team and those were officers that were involved in traumatic events, would come and be peer supports for people involved in serious things."

After becoming acquainted with the group due to his own traumatic experience, Landry got involved with the program, which today is called the Critical Incident Stress Response Team.

Although he is retired, Landry continues to be involved in OPP work involving post-traumatic stress disorder, which came about through a recommendation by the provincial ombudsman a few years ago.

"What we do is act as peer supporters,"

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Echo top finisher in Canadian newspaper awards

The Haliburton County Echo has been awarded a second place for General Excellence for its circulation category from the Canadian Community Newspaper Awards.

General excellence takes into account editorial quality, typography, advertising and layout, front page and commentary

page in the scoring.

First place in general excellence went to *The Chief* in Squamish, B.C. Third was awarded to *The Advance* in Melville, Sask.

The Echo also received a second place in the Best Feature Story category for "Beech bark disease rolling through county," by Jenn Watt, published in December. The

story detailed the devastating impact of the disease, which is expected to alter the Highlands' forests irreparably.

The Echo's sister paper the *Minden Times* received two of its own awards.

Chad Ingram's editorial about backyard hens took the third prize for Best Local Editorial, while photographer Dar-

ren Lum won the second place honour in the Best Sports Photo category for his Pan Am Games image.

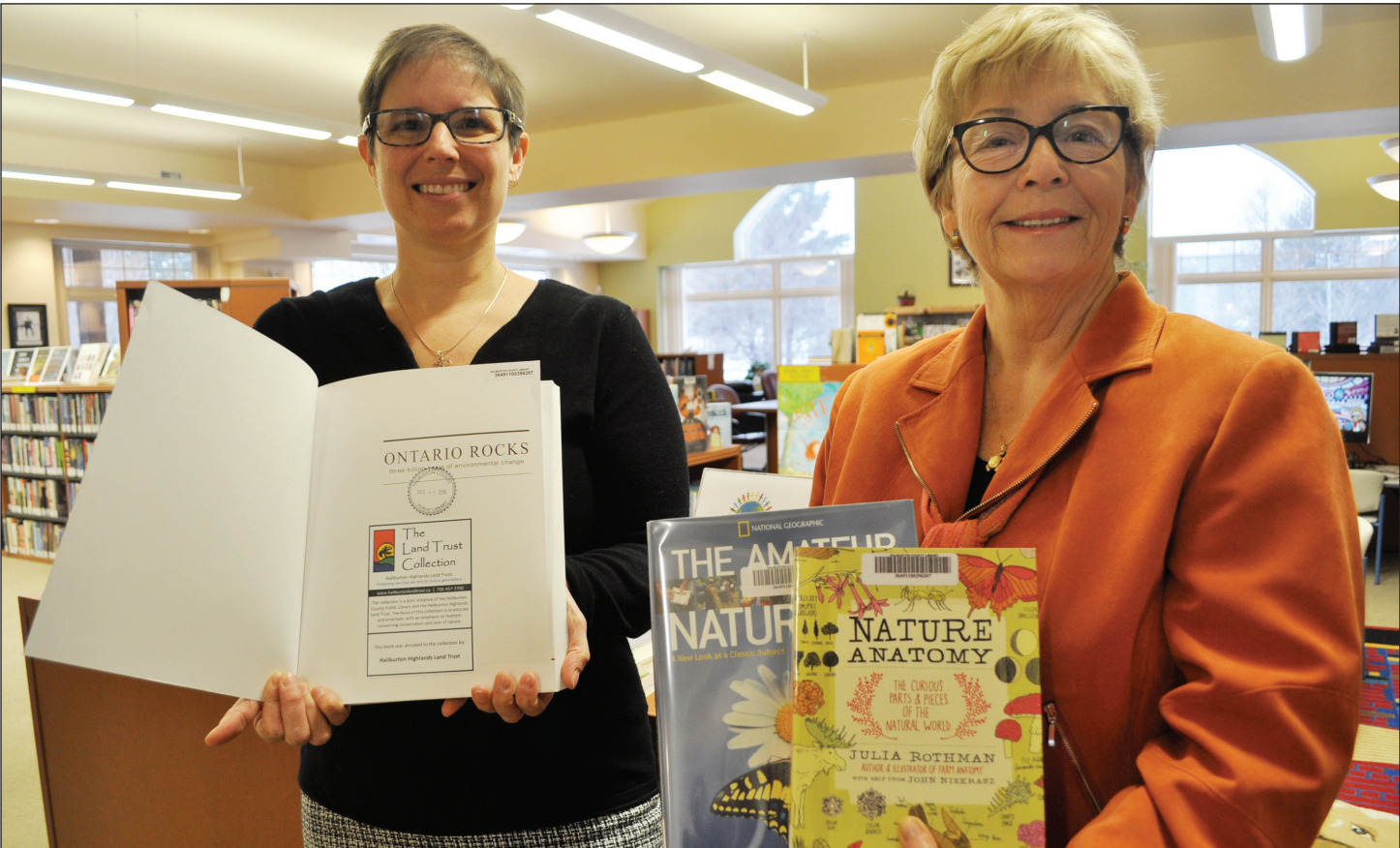
The Minden Times also received the blue ribbon for notable achievement in the General Excellence category.

Land trust donates conservation books to library

Vice-chairwoman of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust board of directors Mary Lou Gerstl, right, unveils a new collection of books at the Dysart library branch with the help of Bessie Sullivan, CEO of the Haliburton County Public Library on April 7. The collection, which focuses on conservation and nature, includes 25 books and was purchased with a \$500 pledge from the HHLT and will be dispersed throughout all eight branches in the library system. Sullivan said the partnership is beneficial to both organizations, as it means the HHLT doesn't have to house the collection themselves, and the library gets the benefit of the board's expertise on the subject matter.

The CEO is hoping to see similar pilot projects from other local organizations. The collection will be available to view online.

ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Lobbying continues on OPP costs

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County council rallied against the formula in 2014, meeting with ministers to explain what they believed were the formula's many flaws. It weights commercial properties evenly with residential ones, for example.

"If a bar in one of the cities is one household and we've got one cottager that's up here for 60 days of the year and they're paying at the same rate . . . that's unfair," Fearrey said Wednesday. "It's unfair that large commercial facilities are one unit."

Fearrey also said if the province would provide the statistics, he's confident the county could demonstrate that seasonal residents generate very few calls for service.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said he thought there was merit in making a submission to the ombudsman's office and that he believes the formula has flaws.

Rutter said that Frontenac Islands Township is being billed for the OPP to look after windmills.

"A wind turbine is being taxed as if it was a household," he said. "There are a lot of things systematically wrong with the billing formula and I think a lot of municipalities would support that."

Councillors discussed other options, such as the creation of a local municipal police force or contracting the services of a contiguous municipal force, as permitted under the Police Services Act.

The county could approach the City of Kawartha Lakes, for example, about using its force.

However, since the formula was announced, a number of municipalities

have conducted feasibility studies on creating their own forces or partnering with contiguous ones and Rutter told council in many cases, those studies have shown little if any cost savings.

"Even in cases where they have partnered with other townships, the cost per household is almost the same as the OPP," Rutter said.

While the thought is often that municipal forces give municipalities control over wages – which constitute approximately 85 per cent of OPP costs – "we live in a world of interest arbitration," Rutter said, explaining that before long, municipal officers would want similar pay cheques to other police officers in the province.

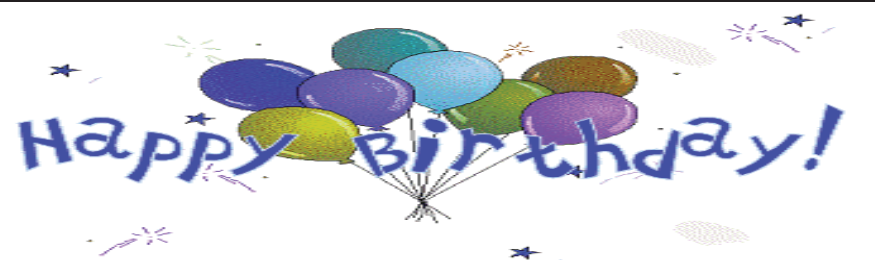
"All that arbitrators look at is what other people in similar positions are getting paid," Rutter continued, adding they don't consider factors such as call volumes or a municipality's ability to pay, as the county had recently seen with its paramedics.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt agreed that if creating a municipal force were a relatively easy feat, there would be more of them in the province and fewer areas covered by the OPP.

"Starting from scratch is a massive, massive undertaking," Moffatt said.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen thought the county should stick to lobbying the province, saying that if the proverbial horse was out of the barn when it came to the billing formula, the horse was still in the corral.

Council voted to defer any decision on the creation of a local force and along with its submission to the ombudsman's office, to continue to lobby the province for changes to the formula.




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New legislation eases access to help

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said Landry. "We call people who have been involved in serious things and we just talk to them and tell them what to expect in the way of stress that's related to post-traumatic [stress disorder]."

On April 5, the Ontario government passed new legislation that will allow first responders access to benefits and treatment for PTSD more quickly than in the past.

The new law no longer requires first responders to prove the disorder was caused by work, whereas it did in the past, causing delays, added stress and other issues.

According to the Ministry of Labour, "under the Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act, the presumption allows for faster access to WSIB benefits, resources and timely treatment. Once a first responder is diagnosed with PTSD by either a psychiatrist or a psychologist, the claims process to be eligible for WSIB benefits will be expedited, without the need to prove a causal link between PTSD and a workplace event."

The legislation applies to many in the field, including police officers, paramedics/EMS, firefighters, including volunteers, dispatchers and certain correctional institution workers and youth justice workers.

The change is welcome news for area first responders, who applaud the strides made in mental health and PTSD initiatives in the past number of years.

"I always tell people who I speak to ... there's going to be, over your career, a series of incidents that you will remember, every detail of that incident. Because it's a very traumatic thing," said Landry. "That's the thing with emergency services, we're thrown into horrific events all of a sudden and they can be hard to deal with."

Pat Kennedy, former director of the Haliburton County department of emergency services can relate, saying there are still calls he can remember to this day, ones that happened years ago.

"I hated to hear the phone ring," he said. "When I'm out somewhere and hear the same ringtone we used to have in the hall it still jars me. Certainly I had calls that haunted me for years. There are still two that do, 30 years later."

Retired since 2013, Kennedy worked in the field for 34 years and saw a lot of things, which led to the creation of a support group.

"In 2010, I started a chaplain program with the department. It was not to be a religious program but to be a support program," he said.

The group was opened to police officers, firefighters and nurses.

Kennedy wanted it to grow into a critical incident support team, but that never happened.

"This Bill 163 is really going to put the emphasis on departments developing programs," he said.

He says the new legislation is a good first step, however, it remains to be seen how it will roll out.

"It will be interesting to see what kind of programs will be developed," said Kennedy.

Signs of PTSD include shorter temper, mood swings, irritability, trouble sleeping, increased alcohol consumption and more, according to area department heads.

However, it is still difficult to pinpoint a diagnosis, which is made more difficult by individuals not wanting to admit an issue or seek help.

"It was always that 'suck it up, why are you doing this job if you can't handle it' attitude," said Kennedy. "Slowly society is getting that concept changed."

Craig Jones, who is the current EMS director for Haliburton County, says in the past there was a stigma surrounding the issue and this new legislation is helping to break down those barriers.

With close to 25 years of experience on the job, Jones was happy the legislation passed unanimously and believes it is part of a larger, provincial plan.

"I see it as a safety net, essentially, for those who fall through the cracks and need to get help," said Jones. "It just expedites the ability of them being able to get help."

Next steps forward include working with the government, so that these issues are dealt with before they become detrimental to one's mental health, he said.

Jones is optimistic about the strides made in mental health awareness overall and work done to reduce the stigma.

"I think it's an exciting time with respect to mental health in general," said Jones. "Mental health is an illness ... it's no different than having a broken bone."

Landry also applauds the strides taken by the government and hopes it will help first responders. He and others in the field believe the legislation will evolve over time, and hope it will one day include nurses and emergency room staff.



Paramedics, firefighters and police officers are almost always the first people to attend to traumatic situations, such as car accidents, seen here. The stress of the job can lead to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). First responders are applauding the Ontario government's recent legislation changes, allowing them to get faster access to PTSD treatments and resources. /File photo

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— Pat Kennedy
former EMS director

Kennedy wants more education and awareness about the disorder to come down the road and is disappointed that the act doesn't recognize past PTSD claims that were denied.

"Folks who had this a number of years ago and tried to get it recognized ... are now left out completely," he said.

Landry said PTSD isn't something that just happens while you are an active first responder either, as he knows retired officers who have stress-related issues from incidents they were involved with.

"It's not something that just goes away when you're retired," said Landry.

Throughout his career the police officer worked throughout the province and can count how many of his colleagues committed suicide, which may or may not be connected to PTSD.

That number is four.

Along with full-time first responders, PTSD also occurs in those who volunteer for the job.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said PTSD is just as likely to happen to volunteer firefighters as full-time ones, and sometimes the nature of a small community can make it even more prevalent.

"The stress is the same whether it's a full-time or a volunteer department," said Maughan. "It could be more in a volunteer department because we're dealing in a smaller community where you may actually be dealing with people you know, so it's even more stressful in situations like that."

Maughan says he has seen the effects of PTSD firsthand and points to calls involving children as a major trigger. Other times it's a buildup of calls that can take their toll.

"We try to debrief the people involved at the time and hopefully that helps," he said.

A debrief can involve just talking the incident through

and offering reassurance. The fire chief is happy to see the support the Ontario government is offering, as it means first responders will no longer have to fight to get WSIB coverage.

"They're going through a tough time to start with, without having to fight to get a wage," said Maughan.

The next step is to train fire chiefs and senior management to be able to recognize signs of PTSD and get first responders to admit to it, said Maughan.

Locally, training is happening in Haliburton County under the direction of Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh.

"We're trying to train and prevent PTSD before it happens," said Cavanagh. "The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs has started rolling out a program which is called the Road to Mental Health Readiness."

Originally developed by the Department of National Defence, the initiative has been adapted by fire and first responder departments.

According to Cavanagh, Road to Mental Readiness (R2MR) is a program designed to reduce stigma and address and promote mental health and resiliency in a first responder workplace setting.

"The program helps employees in creating a supportive environment, strengthening the organizational culture, and contributing to a healthy workplace," Cavanagh wrote in an email to the paper.

"R2MR teaches participants how to use the 'Big 4' — a set of evidenced-based, cognitive behavioural therapy techniques that help individuals cope with stress and improve their mental health and resiliency. The Big 4 are positive self-talk, visualization, tactical breathing, and smart goal setting."

Cavanagh said currently there is investigation into the creation of a peer support team amongst the county's fire departments. There will be training in regards to R2MR rolling out this summer, starting with the Algonquin Highlands fire department.

No matter what the call may involve or the effect it has on a person, department heads across the board agree that one of the best ways to deal with the effects of PTSD is to talk about it.

"In the 25 years I've been chief you have to convince people they need to talk about it," said Maughan.

Jones agrees and believes it is up to everyone to make sure first responders are taking care of themselves, and not just the general public.

"We want our people to go home healthy and happy every day," said Jones. "Come to work, do a great job, leave work at work, go home, be healthy, happy and enjoy your family."

History goes online in Highlands East

JENN WATT

Editor

History is a resource more fragile than most; it must be captured quickly and accurately from those who lived it, or it can be lost forever.

It's a struggle known well by area historical societies, which is why they are so inspired by a new project that is documenting and mapping the settlers and veterans of Highlands East.

"The bad part about history is every day it dies. It's a terrible way to talk, but the resources we have today if we don't do something with them they're not available tomorrow and can never be replaced," said Cecil Ryall, the councillor representing the Gooderham area and a member of the Gooderham Historical Group.

To capture the stories and memories before they are gone, Highlands East's four historical groups came together to apply for a New Horizons for Seniors grant, which they received about a year ago. The \$25,000 sum allowed them to compile information into two websites, which document cultural sites, veterans and settlers of the area.

Information from history books such as *Monmouth Township 1881-1981* and *A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past* were inputted as well as information from the 1901 census.

It took co-ordinator Adele Espina about a year to gather, process and input all of the information.

"What it does for the public in Highlands East is it gives them what essen-

tially is a virtual museum. As long as you've got access to the Internet you can see a history of the municipality and you can contribute remotely as well," said Espina.

For those comfortable with the Internet, the sites are easy to navigate. Go to settlers.highlandseast.ca and click on "surnames" and there you have a listing of all the familiar families that founded Tory Hill, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Wilberforce and points in between.

Click on the surname and you pull up the individuals in the families, their marriages, deaths and births and sometimes even photos.

"What we're finding back at the turn of the century when we're putting in all these names of people who were living here in 1901 is shortly thereafter they started marrying each other," said Espina.

Families coming from all over the world ending up in Highlands East started to socialize with each other. And a community of intertwining families emerged.

"In those days, you didn't go to Toronto to find a spouse, you found a spouse in your local church or a young girl might go and work at someone else's house as a kitchen maid and marry one of the sons," Espina said.

Because the website is about the settlers of the region, they are only documenting those who were born in 1921 or before.

Members of each of the four groups – Wilberforce Heritage Guild, Schoolhouse Historical Society, Gooderham Historical Group and Bark Lake Cultural Developments – have been trained on the websites.

Most of the grant was used to allow these groups to purchase equipment to



Local history buffs from left, Carol Simmons, Adele Espina and Cecil Ryall sit around a laptop computer on April 9, at the Gooderham public library branch looking at the recently launched website Settlers of Highlands East. The website includes photos and information on the founders of the area. Another site was also simultaneously launched that maps cultural sites and veterans of the First and Second World Wars. /JENN WATT Staff

continue documenting the area's history including scanners, cameras and computers.

Carol Simmons of the Irondale area group Bark Lake Cultural Developments said having these sites available draws attention to the role her area played in the formation of Highlands East.

"It literally puts Irondale on the map," she said.

Besides the settlers site, there is a sister site, culturalmaps.highlandseast.ca, which includes information garnered from the cultural planning process done by the municipality in 2015.

Veterans of the First and Second World Wars are listed with a corresponding map of where they lived at the time and some of them also have links to their service file documents, photographs and other information. When applicable, they are also linked back to the settlers page.

If it sounds confusing, Espina and the local historical groups want to make it easy for you. They are holding intro-

ductory sessions at the Highland Grove library branch on Saturday, April 23 from noon to 3 p.m. and at the Cardiff library branch on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additionally, members of each of the historical groups have been trained on the site.

Espina would like members of the community to engage with the sites and improve them, by offering photos, documents and other information that would help fill out the story.

She estimates the settlers page is only about a quarter complete.

"We've got 3,000 people right now in the database, but there's so much more ... there's no end to families and family trees," she said.

You can easily contact the volunteers responsible for the site by emailing culturalmaps@highlandseast.ca for the cultural mapping page or familytree@highlandseast.ca to contribute to the settlers page.



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Ladies auxiliary gives

4Cs board chairman David Ogilvie accepts a \$500 donation from Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary president Cheryl James on April 13 outside of the Lily Ann Thrift Store. The money was raised by the auxiliary through 50/50 draws held at their monthly breakfast events. /ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Spring show promises smiles and laughter

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After an extended winter season, the Loop Troupe is welcoming people of all ages to laugh their way into spring with its latest theatrical production this weekend at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce.

Loop Troupe's communication organizer and Highlands East Councillor Joan Barton invites people to enjoy the family-friendly one-act play *Who Murdered Who* that will have you laughing and give the opportunity to reunite with people you might not have seen all winter.

"People love it. It's important because they always deliver something to us in the early spring like around now when you just feel absolutely sick of life and totally embittered about Haliburton [County] and everything," she said, referring to the weather. "It's one of the first opportunities in the Wilberforce area for people to come out of their cocoons and force their way down their driveways and get together in the Lloyd Watson Centre. It's always sort of a combination of good theatre and 'hello, how are you, I'm awfully glad you made it through the winter.'"

With shows on Friday and then Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the troupe is staging the one-act comedy that is set in a fancy country house in the U.S., on the east coast. This play revolves around the massive confusion of whether or not somebody will be murdered and who will

commit the murder.

She describes this play as "a classic old-fashioned farce."

Admission for these two shows is \$10 for adults and is free for children and students.

Organizers ask people to come early, as there will be free refreshments before the show and after. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

The Troupe will also host a free dress rehearsal this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Barton has been involved with helping or performing for the Loop Troupe off and on for the past 10 years.

Unlike recent shows, this performance is solely benefiting and being staged by the troupe.

"It's going to be the first one in ages that they have not done in aid of anybody else," she said.

In its 20-plus years the Loop Troupe has never needed to ask for money from anyone, she said, at least in the time she has served on council.

This show includes four new cast members in the eight-member cast show and some long-term members the public will recognize such as the dynamic and animated Steve Kauffeldt, who plays a detective.

Directed by Hilda Clark and assisted by Dan Linkert with lighting, the show's cast also includes Steven and Julie Thornton, Brenda Boomhouer and Yvonne Morello. The new members for this show are Peter Boyer, Sherry Davis and Nancy Bird, said Kauffeldt.

History lovers dine for a good cause

Talk of water levels didn't stop the 100 plus friends and supporters of the Bark Lake Cultural Developments who turned out for Saturday night's Fish and Fowl Fundraiser Dinner in Gooderham. The Bark Lake Cultural Developments was recently nominated for the second year in a row as Best Not For Profit Charity at the Chamber's Business Achievement Awards. Funds raised support the restoration of the historic 1887 Irondale Church and contribute to the BLCD's mission statement of offering community events and educational opportunities showcasing greater Irondale's historical assets.

Submitted by Carol Simmons



BLCD board member Fred Simmons, Glenda Simmons, BLCD Board Member George Simmons and volunteers served a wonderful buffet of assorted fish and fowl. CAROL SIMMONS photo



Pat Miller buys country raffle tickets from BLCD board member Kurt Christensen at Bark Lake Cultural Development's fish and fowl feast at the Gooderham Community Centre on Saturday, April 9. CAROL SIMMONS photo

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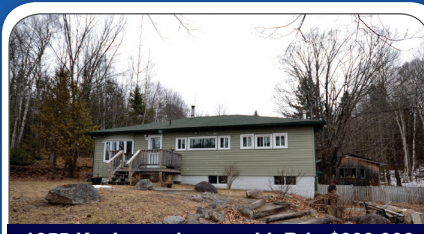
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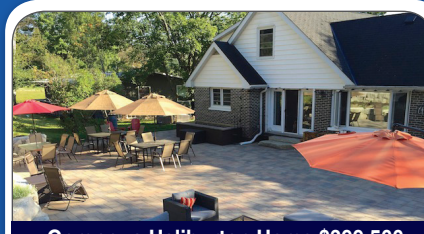


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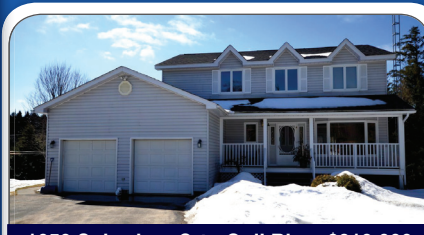


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Addressing PTSD

MENTAL TRAUMA is just as bad as physical injury. It can cause lifelong pain, destruction of relationships, change in mood and, in the worst cases, can lead to self-harm.

Those who work in some of the most dangerous physical jobs also encounter many of the most mentally jarring situations as well.

As this week's article by Angelica Ingram illustrates, first responders in our county are not exempt from post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health issues that can accompany seeing some of the most gruesome, frightening and heart-wrenching scenes in their daily jobs.

Even for those who do not suffer PTSD, the sights, smells and sounds from moments of great stress stay with them for a lifetime. How could they not?

In a county as tight-knit as Haliburton, emergency situations can hit even harder when paramedics, firefighters and police officers arrive at an accident or medical call to find a friend's life is on the line.

PTSD is far more likely to occur in first responders than in the rest of the Canadian population. According to The Tema Center Memorial Trust, a national support organization for emergency workers, about eight per cent of Canadians are dealing with PTSD. In the emergency services field, that rate is between 16 and 24 per cent.

Last week, the provincial legis-

lature unanimously passed new rules that would eliminate the need for first responders to prove their PTSD came from the workplace in order to access WSIB.

The change has been applauded by many who say it's been a long time coming and that WSIB often made it hard for emergency workers to get compensation for their trauma-induced mental health issues.

As with many other mental-health related issues, society has been tardy in addressing these real medical problems that have the ability to tear lives apart.

But things are changing.

This legislation has already done much for moving the conversation forward on mental health and acknowledging that the human mind is not built to shut out traumatic events – even among

the most heroic of us.

As the county's director of paramedic services Craig Jones told the *Echo* this week, having PTSD is "no different than having a broken bone" in the sense that it's a medical issue and should be treated as such.

As a society, we still haven't gotten to the place of accepting that truth unconditionally and it showed in our legislation.

But attitudes are shifting and with them our laws. Let this be a harbinger of things to come for those struggling with PTSD.



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Editorial



We're back!!!

by Darren Lum

The fun of growing old

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A Senior's Moment

GROWING OLD CAN BE FUN if we look at it the right way. I have all the excuses we, as seniors, need for some of our seemingly inexplicable actions. But first, let me tell you about a few of my silly moves and comments.

At the elevator in our building, I have frequently pushed the up button when I really wanted to descend. Once inside the elevator, I have been known to push the No. 1 button, which is the floor I am on, and silently complain because the elevator was not reacting. Then after going up or down, I have been known to get off on the wrong floor.

When at the grocery store I search for my want list. Which pocket did I put it in? Is it in my wallet? No, I left it at home on the kitchen counter. When we moved here to Park Street from Bayshore Road, I would drive in to the village main shopping areas. After completing my purchases I would aim the vehicle in the direction of home – passing my turn off on Park Street and progressing toward the area in which we formerly lived. As soon as the light dawned, I would turn around and head back to our current abode. This only happened because my mind was occupied with pondering more crucial, serious events.

The one that I keep doing fairly regularly is going to another room to get something and standing there wondering why I had come there. I would leave that room and return to the room

I was in when the decision to get something from another room was made. Shortly after sitting down my brain remembers what I wanted from that other room. Does that mean there is some connection between my rear and my brain? I am not even going to try to answer that.

Being an older, partially illiterate computer geek has seen me forget many things. Did I turn it off? Did I save that article? Did I send that material on to the correct party? Playing games on this machine is fun. I get too involved in the games and forget to do other important things.

Recently I bought cards to mail to friends and family wishing them a happy Easter. I put them away for safe keeping until closer to the holiday date. Where did I put them? I had to go out and buy another batch of them. When I went to put these new purchases safely away, I found out where I had safely stored the others. I now have a supply for next year if I can remember where they are.

I could go on and on as I usually do, but enough is enough.

I now tell myself that all of these and more stupid actions are a result of the accumulation of too much knowledge over my many years of living. With all of my collected life lessons and thoughts, I really have problems thinking about why I do some of the stupid things I do. (That is my story and I'm sticking to it.) But, my main excuse for what could be considered by some as questionable actions, is the fact that I am old. I am a Haliburton senior and damn proud of it.



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points of view

Through a new lens

UNDERWATER PHOTOS ARE FINE, provided a) this is your intention and b) you have a waterproof camera. I have neither.

These were the thoughts that immediately came to mind as I looked just upstream from where I was fishing and saw my camera bag – the one that was protecting my camera – bobbing in a back eddy.

Later that day, when Jenn asked how the fishing was, all I could say was “costly.”

I loved that camera, so I tried all the accepted methods of reviving a waterlogged piece of electronics. I dried it off with paper towels; I buried it in a bowl of rice; I swore a lot.

I even sought the advice of a person who knows a lot more about cameras than I do. He said sometimes alcohol helps the drying process. It made sense to me, but by the second drink, I hadn't noticed any improvement.

By that evening I had come to the painful realization I needed a new camera. The next day, I bit the bullet.

If you haven't bought a new camera in the last little while, consider this column a warning. Things have changed a lot.

My first clue was when the salesperson looked at me funny and said, “What's film?”

Then, he very patiently set me straight on the latest technology.

Apparently, the new generation of cameras act simultaneously as a GPS unit and Wi-Fi hub, will tell you what time it is in several time zones, and communicate with, if I heard him correctly, a high cloud – although I'm still not sure why you would want this – as well as various electronic devices up to and including your toaster oven. They'll also shoot high definition videos and photos while being remotely con-



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trolled by your phone.

I think he was exaggerating on that last claim, however. As soon as I got home, I tried controlling my new camera with the cordless unit we have in the kitchen and, thus far, have had no luck.

Regardless, cameras have come a long way.

Honestly, I'm not sure that's a good thing. You see, I've never been truly comfortable with all this new technology. Perhaps it is because middle-age has conditioned me to be extremely nervous any time someone outside of the doctor's office throws around the term digital. It could also have something to do with the fact I need to get out a magnifying glass anytime someone tries to show me some feature on the screen of a camera or phone.

Whatever the reason, the camera I bought didn't make it any easier. Sure, it's great and does a lot of things I wouldn't have dreamed of doing with my old camera. The problem is by the time I finish reading the 60-page basic user's manual, this camera will be obsolete. I won't even try to absorb the 160-page advanced online user's manual. My first clue it was beyond me was the two hours it took to find it on the website.

Despite all this whining, I know it is a poor craftsman who blames his tool – unless that craftsman happens to be a tool maker, in which case it gets very confusing for me.

That, in a nutshell, is why I have spent each evening since I purchased the camera playing with it and trying to understand how to make the best use of it. And, I am happy to say, yesterday, after accidentally finding the on switch, I made a major breakthrough.

Luckily, I am nothing if not persistent – and cheap. This newfound hope will drive me to continue to experiment with my camera and its very complicated on-screen menu until I can navigate around it without hesitation. Eventually, and by that I mean the day before they finally sell cameras that do as you ask by voice command, I will have mastered the complexities of this one.

This won't come easily to me. It's going to take true commitment – and lots of focus.



pic of the past

This photo was labelled “Eagle Lake Pupils, June, 1939” and submitted by Brian Black. There were no names of the students accompanying. It seems the kids were having a good time, with some hamming it up for the camera.

letters to the editor

Thou shalt not steal

To the Editor,

Saints Alive! What “little devil” took our new United Church Crest sign off its post at 1050 Lochlin Road? If you wanted the information on our church service you now have it. So join us Sunday at 10 a.m. for singing, an inspiring message, and

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Lois Rigney
Lochlin United Church Member

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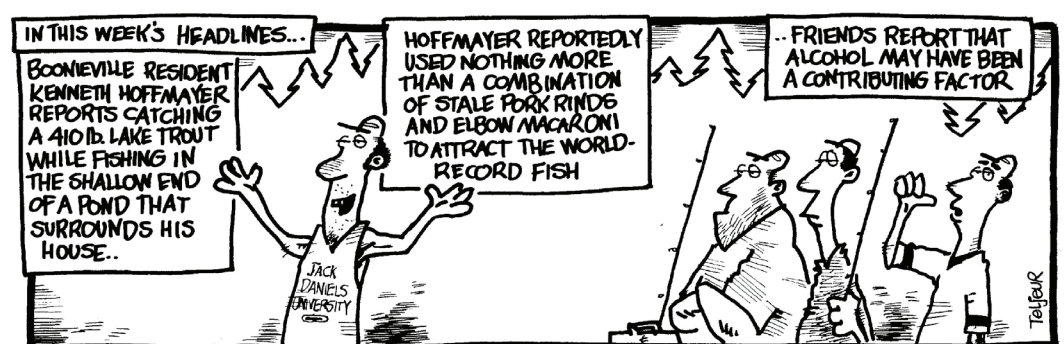
For some time now, it has been common knowledge that the main hall at the Legion was in need a facelift along with other important renovations throughout the building. Of course everyone knows these projects need funds to get the renovations started. A plan was put into place to begin the fundraising needed for these projects.

On April 9, Branch 129 held a fundraiser as

a method to gather this financial support. The community overwhelmingly responded and showed its support for this worthwhile project by attending the sold out event. Those who attended, generously participated in the live and silent auctions to help make this event the success that were hoping to achieve.

On behalf of the executive at Branch 129, we want to express our sincerest appreciation to
see BIG page 8

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Big heart shines through

from page 7

we want to express our sincerest appreciation to all who attended and others for financial contributions.

A special Thank You is needed to the radio stations especially Canoe FM for getting the message across with on air interviews. We sincerely acknowledge our community businesses for their efforts and contributions. Furthermore, we send our thanks to the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Cadet corps and all the volunteers and the Lions Club who not only showed a strong contingency but jumped in and volunteered to assist during

the event.

This town may be known as the small Village of Haliburton but in times of need, this community shows its pride and generosity with its BIG heart.

This heart deserves all the appreciation and praise it can get!

As for the veterans that started this Legion in 1928 we owe it to them to carry on.

Paul Sisson
President Haliburton Branch 129

Wildlife in your backyard



A European starling looking like it used a jar of hair gel for its date! Photo submitted by Belinda Gallagher



A pair of dueling turkeys on the marsh. Photo submitted by Belinda Gallagher



Some of the members of the Bancroft and Area Field Naturalist Club spotted this beautiful spruce grouse when on an outing to Algonquin Park on March 26. The group meets once a month to share the wonders of nature; often with guest speakers. Photo submitted by Mary-Lou Robb



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Husky

Sky blue as a husky's eye, blinking down at me, swirl of Sun warming my fur, as I cup my face up to the smudges of light, before I trudge back up the hill, letting the stillness of this moment seep into me.

Not a whisper of wind murmuring into my ears, only Air, crisp and clean, swathing me.

Nobody on the path today, its sheath of ice crackling as I clomp across it, staring down at the cracks so I don't slip and fall, glaring down at the ground so earnestly, that I don't notice the furry creature ambling towards me until we both stop and lock eyes.

I am mesmerized by the husky's blue eye, a blue clear as a mountain lake, its glass surface pierced by shards of Sun.

I bend down to ruffle the husky's fur, plunging my hands into the softness of its coat, warming my hands on this frigid spring day.

The husky doesn't flinch as it gazes up at me, grazing my legs with its fur, letting itself be stroked letting me coo nonsense into its ears, as I notice its other eye, the colour of earth drenched by Rain.

I marvel at the beauty of this anomaly, wondering what colours the husky sees the world in?

Whether all that lies between earth and sky is enhanced by the vision of his one blue eye and one brown one? I hold my hand to the husky's snout.

He sniffs then licks my fingers, that smell of wool and sweat.

My other hand continues to stroke its fur, I cannot pull myself away from this creature with the one eye blue as a newborn's before Life fades their colour, the other, brown as a puddle of mud sleeping on a forest path.

I stare deeply into both its eyes, together, one at a time, as the husky gazes into mine, that are grey as slush, sometimes hard as stone.

I wonder what it sees when it stares into the eyes of this strange creature that can't stop groping its fur.

Does it see flecks of sun melting the slush, cracks of light seeing through the stone?

My reverie is broken by the voice of the husky's owner belowing at him to Come.

I snatch a last glance into its one sky stained eye, cop a last feel behind its ear, before the husky named Yoda saunters back towards its owner who waves at me.

I wave back, grateful to this stranger who let his dog stray, that brightened my day,

rinsing the greyness from my eyes, so I could catch a glimpse of the beauty throbbing in the world, stripped bare on this early spring day.

I watch the husky amble away, the warmth of its fur still clinging to my fingers, its eyes swirling deep within me as I resume walking, a speck sandwiched between earth and Sky, fingers of light stroking me

Sylvie Kalenda
 April, 2016

Turkey and deer sharing the bird seed at the Heeps' Feeder on April 7, 2016. Photo submitted by Linda Heeps

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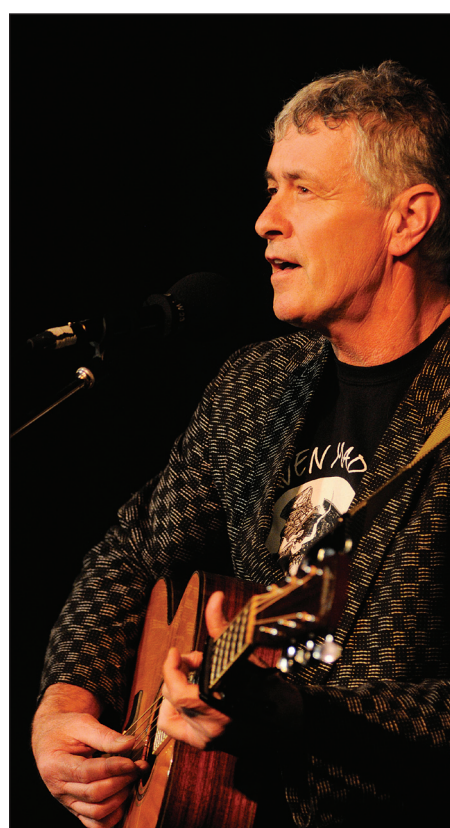
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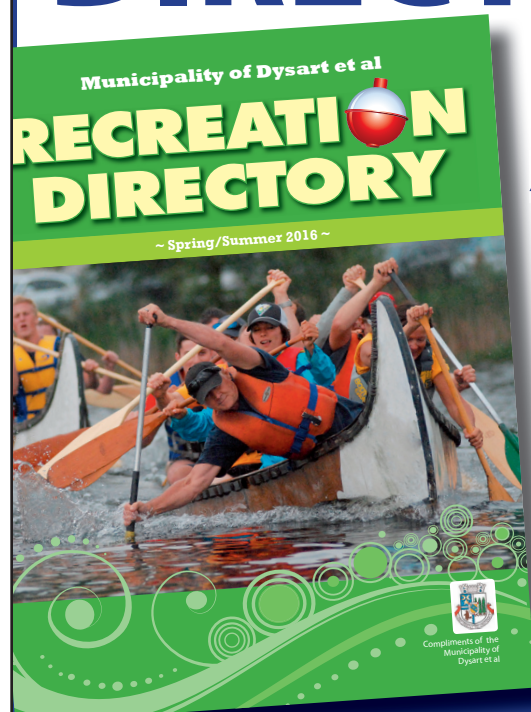
Crooked Brothers power the Pavilion

Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society, the Crooked Brothers (Jesse Mantas, Darwin Baker and Matt Foster) brought an energetic and foot-stomping style of music to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion this past Saturday, April 16. The trio showcased their unique vocals, singing quirky and poetic songs. It was matched to their musical skills, as they all played a variety of instruments such as the harmonica, banjo, guitar, mandolin and dobro. This was the Brothers' first Haliburton performance. The Raven Mad Crow Society's Albert Saxby and Sian Wilson opened the show with original music. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Top, The Crooked Brothers' Jesse Mantas, left, Matt Foster and Darwin Baker perform on Saturday, April 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Far left, Mantas and Foster come together. Above middle, the Raven Mad Crow Society's Albert Saxby sings with Sian Wilson, out of frame, opening for the Crooked Brothers. Above, Baker sings. Left, Foster rocks out, showing emotion.

Wayson Choy challenges audience to inspire

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

An enraptured audience hung on Wayson Choy's every word, seeing the world through his eyes.

The celebrated Canadian author, who had two near-death experiences, spoke with an inspiring honesty about love, death and life to a sold out crowd at the Lunch and Learn, organized by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library this past Wednesday, April 13 at the Community Room in Haliburton, located on Hwy. 118.

Nothing was taboo or off limits for Choy, who didn't mince words in delivering his philosophies on ghosts, writing and doing what you love for yourself, but, more importantly, for those who love you.

Most people swear with a certain anger. When the 77-year-old author, who was quick to smile did it, he delivered the expletives in a way that disarms, exhibiting an honesty of self and openness not usually expressed in public forums.

Choy, who has written the *Jade Peony*, *All That Matters* and *Paper Shadows*, challenged the audience to take chances and be free to express.

If you catch yourself, he said, living a boring life and feel nothing more can happen then be honest with others.

"Try saying something truthful and see what happens," he said. "Try and behave in a way you thought, without harming anybody because you never intended such harm, but you were afraid to say, 'This is who I am.' I've often thought, boy, such freedom opens up before you."

Life is more interesting when people don't live "behind masks."

You'll discover who really loves you when you're honest, he adds.

Let go of the restraints to do what you love, he said. Don't listen to the naysayers.

"[Maybe] a teacher from way back when said, 'You don't do that.' And you were doodling and you always wanted to paint and draw or dance and sing I would say go right ahead, screw them. Make sure they know they are being screwed because half the fun is making them go, 'Oh, my God', he said. "Such a joy because maybe they get inspired or least you're inspired enough to have your life."

When you age, talents don't disappear or leave you, he said.

"They just sit there waiting for you to try it out. Go to a drawing class. Go to a dance class. Do something that says to you: this week something's going to be different. I'm going to try this. I don't care if they laugh at me. I don't care if I'm Dumbo the elephant when I do ballet. Dumbo is dancing, watch out, world! In that sense you set an example for the young people in your life who say, 'Look what's Grandma is doing. Look what Mum's



Wayson Choy, a celebrated Canadian author, autographs books following his talk at the Lunch and Learn organized by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library this past Wednesday, April 13 at the Community Room in Haliburton. Choy provided insights into his writing process and challenged the audience to take risks and be an inspiration to themselves and others./DARREN LUM Staff

doing. Look what Dad's doing. Look what Grandpa's doing. My turn now," he said. "How wonderful to let them see you live and give them the chance they should have the right to live their lives."

Even if you try and try and you still don't succeed, don't give up.

"Try another way," he said.

He admits a love for all books, particularly "dirty books."

"When you're 77 it's purely academic," he said, receiving raucous response of laughter.

With a predominantly older audience of people with greying hair, he reminded them about their role as grandparents for the next generation.

"The truth of it all is to realize when you're a writer or a storyteller, as many of you are, simply because you're grandparents, that's part of your job, part of your duty is we're making connections from the past to the present, but not only the past as we know it, but the past

that comes to you as you start telling something and I have this particular theme that I'm haunted by. There are ghosts everywhere, but I don't believe in them," he said.

He admits this last statement about ghosts is a paradox.

"I don't see them, but they're with me," he said.

Loved ones are never gone if they are remembered, he said referring to the commonly held belief about the metaphysical connection we have with loved ones.

Choy still hears his late mother telling him to wear his scarf on a cold day.

He remembers telling college students that even legendary writers don't just sit down and write their books. Great writing comes from a lot of work.

In the opening of one his books, he remembers, he wrote it 18 times before it was finished.

"I find in my case the real writing comes in the rewriting," he said.

He acknowledges in short stories is where strong writing can come in one sitting.

It's in the rewrites where the writer goes to get deeper into the psyche and deeper into the craft of writing.

To start writing, you must write, but do it for yourself first.

"Have you told the story you never told anyone before? Tell it to yourself first," he said.

Writing things that you wouldn't consciously tell yourself based on fear that you want to tell yourself.

"It becomes an objective process by which you take very complicated feelings and frightening ideas about yourself and the overrated ideas about yourself and you test them right in front of your eyes in writing. Then rewrite, edit and show what you're willing in this manuscript, which you will call your first draft, but you might have rewritten it 18 times before you did that," he said.

His sincerity and clarity of thought connected with the audience in way that is rare.

It's something he truly appreciates when he meets people that feel this way about his work rather than the sales associated with them.

"That's meaningful to me. It's not the number you sell. It's the kinds of people that read your book and say, 'hello.' I've been very lucky with that," he said.

His presentation at the Community Room came about because of Choy's frequent visits to the area to see friends. The FOHCPL took him up on his offer to share his time, president Mary Trepanier said in an earlier *Echo* article.

Upon learning about Choy's impending birthday the next week, the audience started the event by singing him happy birthday. So, it was fitting with the generous and sentimental nature of Choy that he ended the event with a heartfelt thank you.

"I'm really appreciative to a community that can get together and realize that words matter, books matter," he said.

I Made It!

ERIN LYNCH

Special to the Echo

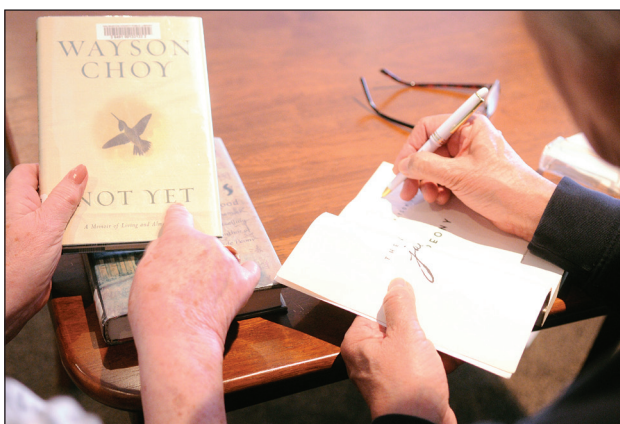
A flurry of activity is happening in the studios of Fleming College. Students are busy preparing for I MADE IT! the end of semester art exhibition hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. This one day show will take place on Saturday, April 23 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

I MADE IT! provides an opportunity for emerging artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents. The student-based initiative will feature a variety of media from winter semester students including glassblowing, artist blacksmithing, jewelry and integrated design. Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer questions. Select works will be available for purchase. The exhibition is free of charge and open to all. Join inspiring students for light refreshments as well as the opportunity to explore the unique and stimulating space that is the Haliburton School of Art.



Left, Choy was quick to laugh and openly shared his writing process and philosophy about life.

Below, Choy welcomed people to come and have their books autographed and speak with him after the presentation.



SPARC welcomes new network co-ordinator

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

If Greg Thomas could have created a dream job for himself this would have been it.

Thomas, 36, is one of the most recent additions to the community since being hired on as the network co-ordinator for the Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC) initiative.

A native of England, Thomas has been working in the performing arts field for many years, both in Canada and the U.K.

With years of experience working in rural communities in his home county of England, Thomas is looking forward to bringing his passion for performing arts to the Highlands.

"I've done a lot of work in hip hop theatre, with young people predominantly," he said.

The co-ordinator also established a theatre group in the Jane and Finch neighbourhood of Toronto that he describes as grassroots.

"They would put on street theatre productions revolving around social issues in their community," he said.

Thomas took a lot of his Canadian work experience back to a rural setting in England and applied it to a initiative that involved transportation, tourism and performing arts.

"Arts education is my background, it's what I've done since I was 18," he said.

A few months ago SPARC received news that they were successful in their application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and secured a \$548,000 grant, under the umbrella of The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.

The money, which came from the provincial Grow Grants, is helping to further the SPARC initiative, which began in 2009, and has made the hiring of a co-ordinator possible.

With the funding, the SPARC network steering committee is overseeing the initiative and

hoping to establish a provincial framework for performing arts in rural communities, said chairwoman Chris Lynd.

"This is really a provincial initiative," she said. "This isn't about the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands, it's not about the performing arts in Haliburton, this is a provincial network that we're building and at the end of three years that network has to involve people from all across the province."

One of the big components to the initiative is an upcoming symposium planned for this October. The symposium will mark the second event of its kind to be held in the county, the first taking place in 2014.

On the job since the middle of March, Thomas has been kept busy already, meeting new people every day and familiarizing himself with the area.

He is working out of the Arts Council office, located in Haliburton Village.

One of his first responsibilities will be to develop SPARC's website and create an online network forum.

"We're trying to get people from all over the province to actually get involved and start a conversation about what are the needs and what is the potential and what works for them living in a rural area as an artist," said Thomas.

The co-ordinator also wants to examine some of the challenges performing artists who live in rural communities face, specifically isolation and barriers, whether that be education, transportation, etc.

Another goal is to try to get individuals and organizations involved with performing arts together, to gather ideas and raise the profile of artists.

"We're also looking to do some regional consultations," he said.

Describing himself as a retired spoken word artist, Thomas prefers calling himself an arts practitioner.

"My art form is getting lots of people together who don't really have a background in art and getting them to create something," he said.

Thomas was an ideal candidate for SPARC not only due to his love of performing arts, but experience with networking, said Lynd.

"Greg said to me the other day, if I could have written my own job this would be it," said Lynd.

The chairwoman is hoping the initiative grows and is sustainable.

"There's people liking what we're doing and knowing that there's this need that has to be filled and if this little group from Haliburton [who] started this can carry forward we're going to give them the opportunity," said Lynd.



Greg Thomas is all smiles as he takes on the position of network co-ordinator for the Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC) initiative. Thomas, who is a native of the United Kingdom, began the position earlier in March and is looking forward to the opportunity ahead and getting to know the community. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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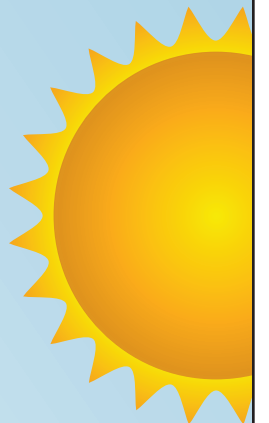
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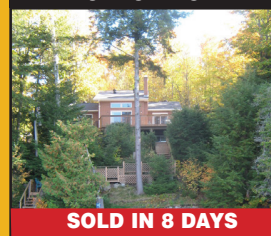


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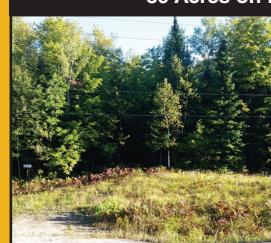
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Lynn Roberge has donated this butterfly garden ornament to Release of the Butterflies fundraiser for bereavement services. Get your ticket early for the early bird draw. Photo submitted.

Early bird draw coming up

Local artist Lynn Roberge of Mixed Media Arts has donated the butterfly garden ornament to the early bird draw for Release of the Butterflies. The names of those who donate to the fundraiser for the bereavement program run by SIRCH before May 15 will be entered to win one of several prizes including this garden ornament. Other prizes include four tickets to the Butterfly Conservatory at Science North in Sudbury as well as an overnight stay at the Quality Inn in Sudbury donated by Richard Wannan at Bank of Montreal; and a garden centre package from Canadian Tire. The early bird draw is taking place May 18.

For every \$30 donated, one butterfly will be secured for the Release of the Butterflies event in Minden. \$100 secures four butterflies.

Release of the Butterflies takes place June 12 with registration starting at noon. Butterflies will be released around 1:30 p.m. There will be activities for children and there is a lunch available to purchase.

The band Fifth Business will serenade the audience and there will be inspirational readings and songs from special guests. All of the money raised goes directly to the bereavement program.

Find the butterfly order form online at www.sirch.on.ca or call 705-457-1742.



Wind Symphony concert this Sunday

Bob Davis plays the French horn along with the saxophone section during a practice of the Highlands Wind Symphony at JDHES last week. On Sunday, April 24, the symphony will be playing familiar songs from your favourite movies at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$25 for families and can be purchased at Master's Book Store in Haliburton or at Minden Pharmasave. Call Andy Salvatori for more information 705-457-2100. /JENN WATT Staff



Glen Carter conducts members of the Highlands Wind Symphony during a practice in the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School music room.

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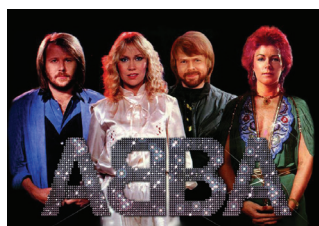
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Musings

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, while watching another early spring snowfall, I pondered the arrival of the first blooms of the season. A quick glance at last year's calendar reminded me that the bright yellow winter aconites appeared on April 10 alongside green and white snowdrops and the buttery yellow of the snow crocus, Cream Beauty. Snow

crocus, as the common name suggests, are very early bloomers, often poking through layers of wet, white crystals. And while they appear delicate, they are sturdy plants that close up on cloudy or stormy days to protect themselves but open again with the heat of the sun.

Cream Beauty exhibits a small, three- to four-inch stature, with several flowers produced by each plant. A winner of the prestigious Award of Garden Merit of the Royal Horticultural Society, this crocus has flowers the colour of Jersey cream with yellow centres and is fragrant if you are nimble enough to bend down to the ground for a sniff.

Botanically *Crocus chrysanthus*, these little gems are widespread in their native range – Bulgaria to Greece and Turkey. In fact, all of the 80 or so species hail from alpine tundra and woodland scrub in far away parts of the world including central Europe, North Africa and the Middle East through western China.

Crocuses are part of the Iris family and as such are cousins not only to the many types of iris that we grow but also closely related to freesia, gladiolus and our native blue-eyed grass, *Sisyrinchium*. If you have ever planted gladiolus or bulbous iris you can see the resemblance in the corm, sometimes called a bulb. The corm is modified stem tissue that stores food and is used up as the plant grows. New corms are formed to replace the mother corm before the plant withers away at the end of the season.

The majority of crocus corms sold in the fall are the Dutch crocus, *Crocus vernus*. There are many named cultivars but my favourite is Pickwick with its purple stripes on a white background and strong orange-yellow anthers that attract the first emerging bees. Slightly taller than the snow crocus, the blooms are at least twice as big so make a bigger impact. They also flower later and will often pair nicely with early daffodils.

Despite being described by the New England Wildflower Society as “a plant that rarely escapes cultivation,” the United States Department of Agriculture map shows Dutch crocus as naturalized in 45 of the 48 continental U.S. states and all of Canada except Alberta, Saskatchewan and the territories. I figure this spread is due to those scoundrel chipmunks and squirrels that seem to dig them up and move them around.

For those of you looking for a bit of the very exotic, there are fall-blooming crocus too. The most famous of these late bloomers is the saffron crocus, *Crocus sativus*. Saffron, which has been cultivated since ancient times, is arguably the most expensive spice in the world by weight. Why so expensive? Well it takes the dried stigmas (the female part of the flower that catches the pollen) of about 100,000 flowers to produce a pound of saffron and it is all hand picked. For a great overview watch the BBC series, *The Spice Trail*, Episode 3 on YouTube.

It is always a wonder to me that plants from half a world away can make a cold spring day in my Tory Hill garden such a delight.

NOTE: If you are a stickler for detail, halfway around the world from Tory Hill is actually a point in the Indian Ocean southwest of Australia. I discovered this site that shows you exactly where you would end up if you dug a hole through the earth to the other side. Very cool. www.antipodesmap.com.



Pickwick with its purple stripes is a Dutch crocus sold in the fall.



Cream Beauty is a snow crocus: an early bloomer.



Snow crocus often poke through snow in early spring.



Crocuses are a sure sign of spring.



Crocuses don't only attract human attention. Bees love them too.



Haliburton artist Shelley Beach wins gold at TWS's spring show

Haliburton artist Shelley Beach was awarded the Toronto Watercolour Society's Gold Level of Distinction for being juried into 35 shows, and was awarded a gold medal for Juror's Choice for Best in Show for her painting "Journey to Dreamer's Rock" at the TWS' Aquavision Spring Show at the Neilson Park Creative Centre in Etobicoke.

Only 10 other artists have achieved the Gold Level of Distinction (and only four have achieved the Platinum Distinction for being juried into 50 or more shows), so this puts the artist into an elite group, as noted by TWS Awards chair woman and director, Carolyn Pascoe.

This is the first time Beach has won a gold medal with the TWS. Her painting, "Journey to Dreamer's Rock" was inspired by Beach's trip last fall to Manitoulin Island. She also had another painting, "Shield Series 1" accepted into the TWS Aquavision Spring Show.

About 150 paintings were submitted, of which approximately 90 were accepted by the jurors – and only one is awarded the gold medal.

Beach said, "As a visual artist, I try to push my limits into the unknown. I love to experiment and be guided by my intuition. I enter quite a few juried exhibitions as a personal challenge. Putting my work up for judging against my accomplished peers sets me up for many disappointments as well as opportunities for success."

"I have worked pretty hard and one of my proudest moments was returning to art school as a mature student and graduating with honours," she added.

Pascoe said, "TWS has established the Gold Level of Distinction (along with Signature, Bronze, Silver and Platinum levels) to encourage artists to consistently enter juried shows over time. It is difficult



Shelley Beach and her award winning watercolour "Journey to Dreamers Rock"

to be accepted into juried shows because jurors look for a high level of technical competence, originality and creativity in selecting which pieces will be included. To have been juried into 35 shows is truly an exceptional achievement, and winning the gold medal in this show is also exceptional – it's almost a once-in-a-lifetime experience and a major goal for many art-



ists."

In awarding the gold medal to "Journey to Dreamer's Rock," the jurors (Carol Westcott, an award-winning artist and Christina Kostoff, owner of the Yellow House Gallery, Toronto) noted "The subtle gradation and control of colour are outstanding. It's a fine composition, with simplicity in the use of line. Detail is added only where needed."

Shelley Beach lives full time on Kennis Lake and the beauty of the Highlands is a constant source of inspiration for her. She has taught classes at Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art and Design for seven years, and is a well-known watercolour and acrylic instructor throughout the Durham Region. She is an honour graduate of Ontario College of Art and Design (2004) and an elected member of the Society of Canadian Artists, as well as a signature member of TWS. Her paintings hang in numerous corporate and private collections. She is represented by the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton.

The Toronto Watercolour Society (TWS) is a non-profit organization that began in 1985. It is dedicated to promoting the interests of painters in watercolour in Toronto. It held its first annual Fall Juried Show in October 1984 and has mounted spring and fall juried shows each year since then. Membership is now more than 275 artists. TWS has earned a reputation throughout Ontario for its continued commitment to its mandate, the quality of its



shows and exhibitions, the excellent work of its member artists, and its weekend workshops and guest lectures by knowledgeable professional artists. The Aquavision Spring Show runs from April 4 to 24 at Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Dr. in Etobicoke.

Beach's work can be viewed by appointment at her studio on Kennis Lake (www.theshelleybeach.com) and she will be participating in the KLCOA's Art on the Dock studio tour on July 9 and 10. Submitted by Tayce Wakefield

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The Haliburton Curling Club and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School were represented well at the Tim Hortons Timbits Elementary School School Championship with four teams (one winning bronze) at the Ontario Curling Association sanctioned event hosted at the Gananoque Curling Club from April 7 to 9. Coach Bob MacNaull, left, front, Bella Smolen, Aiden Hill, Savannah Byers, Hannah Lewis, Destiny Wilson, Lena Haas and coach Terry Lawrence. Jonah Aldom, left, back, Jacob Dobson, Holly Parish, Jocelyn Chumbley, Nathaniel Boore, Emma Casey, Ania Smolen, Jessica Byers and McKenzie Tidey. Absent for photo were coaches Aggie Tose and Chris Parish, players Corin Gervais and Logan Malette. Photo submitted by Terry Lawrence.

Jaguars win provincial curling bronze

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When it was all over the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars curling team of Jessica Byers, McKenzie Tidey, Lena Haas and Destiny Wilson finished as the third best team in the province.

Sanctioned by the Ontario Curling Association, this event included 54 elementary school teams from across the province between the ages of eight and 13 that competed at the Tim Hortons Timbits Elementary School Provincial Championship at the Gananoque Curling Club from April 7 to 9.

Coach Bob MacNaull said, as far as he knew, this was the first time the Haliburton Curling Club has sent four teams to compete at the provincials and they all represented the community well on and off the ice.

"Getting four teams there is really outstanding and their curling skills were a reflection on the volunteer coaches who run the program on the year and the curlers. Their curling was outstanding. They played with the best teams across the province at the elementary school age and [they all] came out with a winning [or .500] record," he said.

The club has worked with some of these players for years, teaching, encouraging and training them.

MacNaull and three other volunteer coaches, Terry Lawrence, Aggie Tose and Chris Parish spent the past several months preparing the teams for this sea-

son ending event.

He adds with four rinks, Haliburton was well-represented as one of the largest contingents there and he hopes to continue this next year. Last year the club only sent three rinks.

MacNaull said he was thoroughly impressed by the bronze -winning Jaguars' team that went undefeated before the playoffs.

"They shot the lights out," he said.

Although the team lost in the semi-final, the team bounced back and won bronze. It finished with a 5-1 record.

MacNaull said every team was guaranteed four games and depending on the win/loss record, teams were seeded for the playoffs. All of the teams representing Haliburton made the playoffs and played six games, two more than the minimum.

Skipped by Holly Parish, the team that included Jocelyn Chumbley, Corin Gervais and Logan Malette won an event final and finished 4-2. This team was coached by Chris Parish.

The team coached by Aggie Tose included Ania Smolen, Emma Casey, Hannah Lewis and Savannah Byers who were the runners-up in the D event. They eventually lost to a Unionville team in the final. They finished 3-3.

The team of Bella Smolen, Jonah Aldom, Jacob Dobson, Aiden Hill and Nathaniel Boore coached by MacNaull won an event final. They finished 3-3.

This club has also run a youth program for years, which has been rooted in a welcoming environment, fostering encouragement and a love for the sport, not only for these competitive curlers, but also recreational curlers.

reational curlers.

Curling is a sport that is rooted in sportsmanship, teamwork and etiquette, MacNaull said.

"They displayed that in spades. They represented the community well at the curling event," he said, referring to all four teams.

The club, MacNaull said, were appreciative to team sponsors the Rotary Club of Haliburton, Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC,

Dawson Insurance and Smolen Dentistry.

Next year's event is at the Chesley Curling Club, southwestern Ontario from March 23 to 26 in Chesley, Ont.

"This is a great event for the kids. It certainly gives them the opportunity to show exactly what they've been able to accomplish as young kids and hopefully that will make them better citizens in the future," he said.



Coached by Terry Lawrence, middle, the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School team of Jessica Byers, left, McKenzie Tidey, Lena Haas and Destiny Wilson won a bronze medal at the Tim Hortons Timbits Elementary School School Championship, sanctioned by the Ontario Curling Association at the Gananoque Curling Club from April 7 to 9. The Haliburton Curling Club based team finished with a 5-1 record in an event that included 54 other teams from elementary schools across the province. Photo submitted by Bob MacNaull.



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Haliburton Club success a family affair

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

While taking a break from banquet preparations for the season-ending event Best Ever Bonspiel this past Saturday, the Haliburton Curling Club president Mary Hillaby said this year's success is owed to her family, the club.

With more than 250 members this year, she considers it a record, if not near record numbers for curlers.

"You can't do it yourself," she said. "Everybody pulls together."

This includes the membership, who has supported her and the executive.

One of the new things this year was to extend the curling season by two weeks and end it with the banquet and the bonspiel.

It included some 22 teams with 88 curlers in the bonspiel, which preceded the banquet dinner that featured two pigs weighing a combined 171 pounds and included everything else that was donated.

The way the membership came through for the dinner was indicative of how the club has come together all season, she adds.

The last curling day also included league playoff games.

All of this curling action was a first in three years on the last day of the season.

It was great for the club's membership, she adds, as it enabled many members from as young as 12 to close to 80-years-old to meet.

Hillaby, always promoting, invited the public to the annual Haliburton Cottage and Home Show hosted by the club on June 3 to 5. See haliburtoncurlingclub.com for more information.



Above, Haliburton Curling Club's Jim Angus, left, and Lesley Milford sweep during league playoffs on the same day as the Best Ever Bonspiel on Saturday, April 16 at the Haliburton Curling Club. This event ended the curling season for the club. Left, the 45 kilogram pig that was roasted over coals all day for the Best Ever Bonspiel banquet dinner, which also included another pig, weighing 32 kilogram and donated sides. /DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks have smashing success

JUDI PAUL

Special to the Echo

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending April 15.

The Red Hawks junior badminton team had a good day at the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Monday, April 11.

Our team was able to qualify 13 players for the next tournament (see results at bottom) taking place later this week. Special mention to Zach Shantz and Emily Klose for first place in mixed doubles and Natalya Gimon and Arden Harrop for second in ladies' doubles.

Senior squad success in Peterborough

The Red Hawks senior badminton team travelled to Peterborough on Tuesday, April 12, for the

Kawartha qualifier, second of two qualifying tournaments. The team faced some stiff competition yet qualified five players for next week's Kawartha tournament. The ladies' doubles team Kenndal Marsden and Jamie Little finished third while men's doubles team of Jayden Wood and Ben Schmidt finished first, matched by teammate Caleb Schmidt in men's singles.

Juniors send three doubles teams to Kawartha

On Thursday, the junior badminton team played at Fenelon Falls Secondary School with some good results against solid competition. The following players are moving on to the Kawartha Championships being hosted by the Hawks next week on Thursday, April 21.

Second place for Zach Shantz and Emily Klose in mixed doubles, fourth place for Sam Longo and Owen Gilbert in men's doubles and fourth place - Natalya Gimon and Arden Harrop in ladies' doubles.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 25th day of April, 2016**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY

Part of Lot 31, Concession 8 designated as Road Allowance on Registered plan No. 471, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP, O.L.S., dated September 28, 2015.**

SECONDLY

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 31, Concession 8, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP, O.L.S., dated September 28, 2015.** (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 12th day of April, 2016.

**IRENE S. COOK, CMO
CLERK/CEMC**
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0

NOTICE

(Applicants - PAUL)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE AND ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

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FIRSTLY

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **C.T. STRONGMAN SURVEYING LTD., dated August 13, 2014.**

SECONDLY

Part of Lot 10, Concession 15, designated as Road Allowance on Plan and Field Notes, Summer Resort Location by J.B. TREPANIER, O.L.S., dated March 26, 1957, attached to Inst. H199001, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **C.T. STRONGMAN SURVEYING LTD., dated August 13, 2014.**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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Social media company in startup contest

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Founder and chief executive officer of getWyred, Cole Rowden, originally of Haliburton, is attempting to win smOffice, a national incubation contest for startup businesses.

In the company’s application to the contest, they said they learned of this opportunity through other Barrie incubators. “We believe that this opportunity is one in a million and it will make our business have access to all the necessary requirements for success,” it reads. Rowden’s business is a social media platform that will not only keep its users

informed about the ideal places and events to attend near them through real time photos and videos, but also enable marketing opportunities for companies and businesses to reach potential customers. Their company will initially be focusing on the post-secondary students, aged between 19 and 25. “The greatest value that smOffice would bring to the getWyred team would be the connections to our future enterprise clients in downtown Barrie, the mentorship and the support that we would receive from local entrepreneurs, investors, consultants, professionals and also the ability to capture the feel for our brand and how we will improve it for our customers so that getWyred can position itself as the next greatest social media service that will have an enduring affect on the local and global market,” he said in his video application. There will be three winning startups, two from Barrie and one outside. The

smOffice contest includes \$60,000 worth of prizes for the winners. Winning businesses will receive six months of support to jump-start their businesses. This includes professional advice and mentoring, office space and six months of accommodation for the out-of-town business. Last year’s winner was Shelby Taylor of Chickapea Pasta, maker of organic line of pasta. According to a smOffice press release, the goal is to bring what is learned through this experience back to the community the business is from to increase startup productivity there. Applications are being accepted until May 2. See smoffice.ca / smoffice-application to apply and for more information go to www.smoffice.ca or follow @smoffice_barrie.

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13. Surrounds the earth

14. Jessica ____

15. A type of clique

16. No seats available

17. Greek sophist

18. Stiff hair

20. Recipe measurement (abbr.)

21. Legal periodical

22. Saloons

25. He tricks you

30. Closing over

31. Man’s best friend is one

32. Distinguish oneself

33. Immoralities

38. Marsh elder

41. Blasts

43. A discerning judge

45. Avenge for a wrong

48. Doctors’ group

49. Jerry’s friend

50. Type of sword

55. Swedish rock group

56. Black tropical American cuckoo

57. Blatted

59. Cain and ____

60. Strong liquor flavored with juniper berries

61. Cocoa bean

62. Get free of

63. Cardiograph

64. A cargo (abbr.)
2. Bird genus

3. One point east of northeast

4. A type of fly

5. Hurry

6. Lighter-than-air craft

7. Ask to marry

8. Thick rope made of wire

9. Imposters

10. Central nervous system

12. Pie ____ mode

14. Robert ____, poet

19. Dwelt

23. Firewood

24. Voices

25. Water in the solid state

26. Superman’s foe

27. Chris Paul’s team (abbr.)

28. Employ

29. Mineral

34. Vessel

35. Nigerian City

36. Romania

37. Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.)

39. Potential difference

40. A class of synthetic detergents

41. Drunkard

42. Doesn’t win or lose

44. Appellative

45. Spiritual leader

46. Implant

47. Language (Afrikaans)

51. Basics

52. A one-time Giants center

53. Every one of two or more

54. A way to gather

55. Swiss river

58. Small spot
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1. A baglike structure in a plant or ani-

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-054/15

Applicant: Laurel DUNCAN

Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 7 & 8, Concessions 8 & 9, Parts 1 & 2, RP 19R2581,

Geographic Township of Dysart

Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot
2. File No. H-055/15

Applicant: Laurel DUNCAN

Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 7 & 8, Concessions 8 & 9, Parts 1 & 2, RP 19R2581,

Geographic Township of Dysart

Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot
3. File No. H-007/16

Applicant: Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton Branch 129

Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 17, Concession 8, Plan 1 BLK H, Lot 2,

Geographic Township of Dysart

Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot & Right-of-Way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19th day of April, 2016.

Lisa Gillan
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone: (705) 286-1333
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Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburton-press.com.

Dated Events

HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course

When: Thursday, April 21, 9 am to 5 pm
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.

This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

The CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW) is having a speaker this month!

WHO: Kim Emmerson, Author
TOPIC: Alexander Niven, Biography of an Early Haliburton County Surveyor

Kim's latest book, launched in the summer of 2015, is about Alexander Niven, a surveyor originally from England. His writing takes us to the heart of newly settled Upper Canada and the beginnings of Haliburton County in the late 1800's. Kim tells the story of Alexander Niven and his contemporaries who formed and shaped the early settlement into the beautiful area we know today.

WHEN: Thursday April 21, 2016, 7-8pm. Afterward, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speaker (CFUW business meeting 8:30-9)

WHERE: Fleming College, Great Hall
COST: FREE (donations to the CFUW Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund would however, be welcome)

The Loop Troupe presents "Who Murdered Who"

A comedy-mystery one-act play
When: Friday April 22, Doors open at 6:45pm, play starts at 7:30
Admission: \$10 for adults, free for children and students, and free refreshments before and after the show.
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Haliburton County Historical Society, Upcoming Event

When: April 25, 7:00 pm
Where: Wilberforce Curling Club
Topic: Geocaching, What is it? How do you play?
Speakers: Mary Barker and Joanne Vanier
Bring a Flashlight with you

A bilingual concert presented by Fana Soro - a bilingual entertainer from West Africa

When: Tuesday April 26, 2016, 6:30 pm
Where: Northern Lights Pavillion
Cost: by donation, all proceeds to augment French activities for all students
Tickets: available on a first come, first serve basis, so pick up the tickets prior to the event at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, Pharmasave (Minden), JDH, Archie Stouffer
Refreshments: Bake sale, with all proceeds going to the High School Quebec trip, the 2 night accommodation and breakfast for the performer.

Fana Soro is a hereditary master musician of the Senoufo people and his performance share the soaring melodies, driving rhythms and spirited dances of ancient West Africa performing arts.

This concert is sponsored by Canadian Parents for French (Haliburton Chapter) and Trillium Lakelands Secondary School

Annual Kinmount Committe Planning Economic Development Dinner/Auction

When: Saturday, April 30th, Doors open 5:00 pm, Roast Beef Dinner 6:30 pm
Where: Galway Hall, Galway Road
Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle Table
Tickets: \$25.00 per person
Contact: Diane Austin, 705 488-2635

Remembering Joyce Holmes

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Hilda Clark
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Many residents accepted the invitation by the Municipality of Highlands East to a volunteer appreciation breakfast last Saturday. By 9 a.m. the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre was buzzing as guests enjoyed being welcomed and served their hearty meal by employees and elected officials of their municipality. What a fine gesture to thank the people who volunteer endless hours for a range of committees, organizations and causes in all of our communities and beyond. In attendance were folks that volunteer for Agricultural Society, geocaching, the food bank, hockey, figure skating, churches, the Legion, curling club, the Old Rec committee, school helpers, firefighters and the Outpost museum's WHG.

Thanks! Though not expected it was good to be thanked!

Joyce Holmes died peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on April 9, 2016, just a couple of months before her 101st birthday.

Joyce was born in Chichester, Sussex, England daughter of Archibald and Rosetta Ewens in 1915 during the First World War. During the Second World War she served in WAAF including time in Egypt. After the war she came to Canada working in banking in Toronto for a number of years.

On a camping trip to Wilberforce with friend Hazel Angus she met and eventually married widower Leslie Holmes. She happily helped operate the campground beside Grace River and enjoyed her home further down the same waterway.

Joyce was predeceased by Leslie (1993), brother Frank (Hong Hong 1941), sister Edith Grace Oakley and brother David both in England. She was also predeceased by her step-daughter Thelma (Macaulay) Greer of Peterborough. She was much loved and respected by Thelma's family including Cindy Ruddell and her family here in Wilberforce.

Joyce was a lady who regularly wore hats and wore them well. She was faster and more accurate with numbers than most using a calculator. She loved books and had a way with words. She enjoyed Scrabble playing with a twinkle in her eye and usually winning.

A memorial service was held for Joyce Hilda Holmes on Saturday, April 16, at St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Though not one for a lot of pomp and ceremony she likely would have approved of the simple service, the organ music, the familiar hymns and even the eulogies delivered by the Reverend Canon Anne Moore but composed by her God-child in England and Cindy Ruddell, her special step-granddaughter and caregiver. She would have enjoyed the afternoon tea that followed. And she might have smiled to see one of her hats sitting stately on a cushion in her regular pew.

She revealed to me one day that her second name was Hilda and gave me a card that stated that the name Hilda meant "battle maiden." Perhaps we did share a little of that trait, Joyce was a lady who carved out her own path bravely and firmly but always peacefully.

After many rehearsals and good fun together the Loop Troupe will perform its little mystery-comedy on the LWMC stage this Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23. It begins at 7:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6:45 so you may enjoy some tea or coffee and a cookie or two before the show. Or enjoy some afterwards. Students will be admitted free.

The Curling Club's annual banquet and AGM will be April 28 at the Wilberforce Legion.

Popular ham dinner served to 70 guests

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Congratulations to the staff at Medeba for the fundraising event on April 2. Under the auctioneering expertise of Steve Archibald a significant sum was raised to support the camp with its leadership centre.

The popular ham dinner on April 16 was served to the crowd of over 70 who supported it. The happy buzz of conversation throughout gave evidence of the enjoyment amongst the gathering.

Music Festival runs from April 21 to April 23 at the high school. The participants in vocal or instrumental work welcome an audience.

Come and hear these delightful solos and groups perform their best as they show off their training and love of music.

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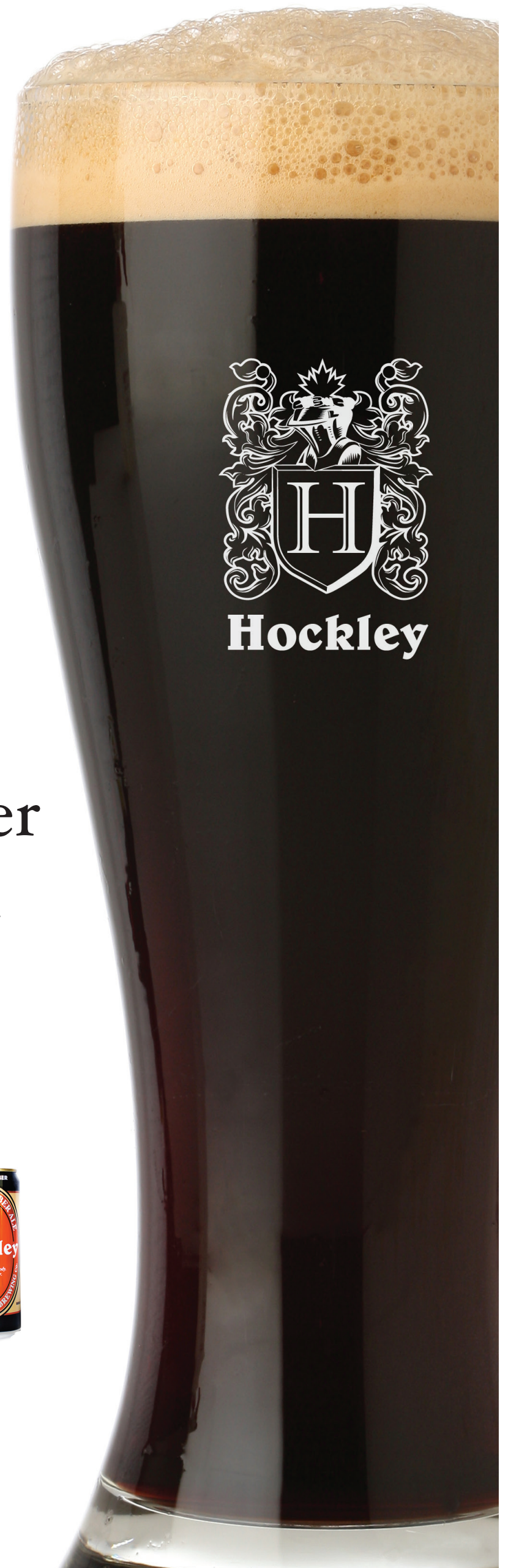
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Gardening Company seeking to align with Lawn & Yard Contractors to subcontract jobs to. Contact Denise from Bliss in the North 705-457-7827. blissinthenorth@bell.net

The Mill Pond Restaurant is looking for dishwashers for the summer months. Starting part time in May and continuing on in the fall. Please contact Brad by email millpondbrad@gmail.com by calling 705-489-3353 or stop by with a resume.

Gardening Company is looking to hire gardeners to work in and around the Haliburton area. Experience is an asset but not necessary. Must be fit & dependable with a fantastic attitude and have your own transportation. Call Denise from Bliss in the North 705-457-7827 or send resume to blissinthenorth@bell.net

Florist required for part time or full time seasonal position. Garden centre position also available. Must enjoy customer service and have a valid driver's license. Apply with resume in person or by email to: **COUNTRY ROSE GARDEN CENTRE** 5175 County Rd. 21 Haliburton countryrose@bellnet.ca

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Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation
2117 Loop Road, PO Box 70
Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0
Phone/Fax: 705-448-3652
Email: mapleview@on.aibn.com

440 NOTICES



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit charitable theatre company, will be held

**MONDAY APRIL 25,
2 p.m. at**

**The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre
York Street in Haliburton**

- Financial Report
- Report From the President
- Update on the 2016 season
- Election of Members of the Board of Directors

This meeting is open to the public. Only members may vote.
(Members are defined as anyone having made a donation to the company since April 27, 2015.)

*For more information contact the president,
Jack Brezina, at 705-286-1958.*

440 NOTICES

Notice of Annual General Meeting May 12, 2016



**The Royal Canadian Legion
Haliburton Branch 129**



**Annual General Meeting and
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650 OBITUARIES

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Leaving us on February 27, 2016, Dawn passed away at The Village of Wentworth Heights in Hamilton, Ontario, and is safely home in the arms of Jesus. She joins her beloved husband John and her dear parents Bertha Mary and the Reverend Clarence Cline. Dawn was the cherished wife of John Herbert Trueman for 62 years. Dearly loved mother of Scott (Tracey), Janet Siverns (Steve), Dawn Martens (John), David (Paula), Andrea (Art), and Paul. Loved by her eight grandchildren: Laura, David, Trevor, Miriam, Daniel, Tayler, Amber, and Charlotte, and five great-grandchildren. Fondly remember by her sister Trudie Clarke and by her niece, nephews, and treasured friends. Predeceased by her beloved brother-in-law Morley Clarke and her dear niece Brenda Duncan.

Dawn was born on a pastoral charge in Onondaga, Ontario. She was an award winning scholar at the University of Toronto, Victoria College where she met the love of her life, John. In 1952, she married John and moved to Palo Alto California, where she worked for Stanford University for three years before returning to Canada. She taught high school English in Hamilton, Tillsonburg, and London, Ontario.

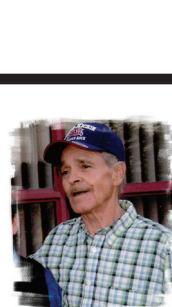
Dawn and John wrote fourteen textbooks in ancient and medieval history which were widely used in both official languages in high schools across Canada. They were an inseparable team who worked tirelessly for the reform movement within the United Church of Canada. Dawn was a skilled artist, playwright, writer, homemaker, furniture refinisher, and musician.

Her most cherished place on earth was the cottage in Minden, Ontario, where she daily swam her lengths, rain or shine. Dawn will be remembered for her beauty, her sense of humour, her love of nature and all God's creatures, her compassion for others, and her steadfast faith through all of life's challenges.

The funeral has taken place. Donations in Dawn's name may be made to McDermott House Canada (mcdermotthousecanada.org). Online condolences may be made at www.marlattnfh.hamilton.com.

1 Cor. 13: "Faith hope and love abide but the greatest of these is love".

650 OBITUARIES



Haven Cook

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, April 5, 2016 in his 76th year. Beloved husband of Jill Cook (nee Sisson). Loving father of Amber (Doug) Weaver and Ashley (Myles) Johnston of Haliburton. Treasured grandfather of Brock Mackie, Jesse and McKenna Johnston. Loving brother of Guy (Elizabeth), Wayne (Sandy), Heather and Randy (Karen). Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Haven was born and grew up in Welland, Ontario. In his twenties, he moved up to Haliburton and met and married Jill Sisson on August 5, 1967. Haven owned a roofing company in the earlier days, and also was a long haul truck driver for many years. He also owned and operated a store in Haliburton called Cook's Produce. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, baseball, gardening, singing and playing guitar and spending time with his family.

Private Family Arrangements

There will be no Funeral for Haven. Cremation has taken place. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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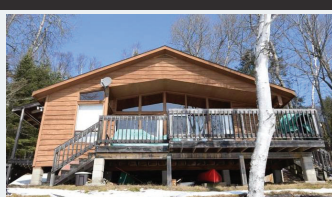
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Fine Homes & Luxury Properties

LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE



Large family home/cottage. Over 4000 sf living space on 3 levels. Soaring stone centre fp, lg recroom, family kitchen w/pizza oven, huge master BR w/private balcony & corner jet tub. New deck & balconies. Private 3+ ac lot & 190' frtg. A must see!

\$799,600

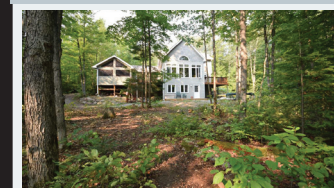
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Spacious open concept cottage or home. Unique man-made coral fireplace. High quality custom kitchen. Cozy lower level family room with walkout. Dbl det garage. Big lake view.

\$797,000

LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE



Spacious turn-key 4 season property. Peaceful & private, 216 ft frontage. S/W exposure. Over 3000sf finished, double garage, quality finishings & features. Must see!

\$599,900